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TO: Department of State  
Office of Refugee and Migration Affairs  
Attention: Mr. Ector Arico

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: CSOMOSS, Miklos  
[also known as Miklos CSOMOS]

FILE IN

1. Reference is made to your request of 9 August 1958 for information concerning Miklos CSOMOSS (3719 Vienna) whose name you desired checked against the files of this office. The following summary of information concerning Subject is based on material received from 1944 to date; unless otherwise indicated, this material was received from usually reliable sources and is evaluated as probably true.

2. In 1946, Subject was reliably reported to be engaged in black market operations in Austria and Hungary. Because these operations were executed with the knowledge and support of the Russian authorities, reliable and well-qualified sources believed that Subject "was working for the Russians". In December 1946 or January 1947, Subject was arrested by the Hungarian police, and in January 1947 was turned over to the Russians. Subject was charged with being the leader of a western-controlled espionage network in Hungary. Subject admitted the charge, pleaded guilty, became the chief prosecution witness and leveled various accusations against other individuals charged with being members of the alleged network. Defendants found guilty of membership in Subject's alleged network received prison sentences of up to twenty years. Subject himself was sentenced to death; sentence was not executed, however, because of the abolition of capital punishment in Russia. Subject claimed that he was imprisoned in Russia from 1947 to 1956, during which period several usually reliable sources actually saw Subject in prison. It is noted that, although originally sentenced to death, and although his principal collaborators received sentences of 20 years, Subject himself has spent less than ten years in jail. Subject returned to Hungary in 1956, and, during the Hungarian Revolution, he entered Austria. Subject claimed that since the Revolution he has made several illegal trips back into Hungary. While residing in Austria, Subject has made anti-Communist and anti-Kadar statements. However, he has also associated with individuals who have been publicly denounced by fairly reliable prominent Hungarian emigre sources as being controlled by the Hungarian State Security Authority (AVH). It is rumored that Subject's

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wife and daughter have recently legally travelled from Hungary to Yugoslavia and then from Yugoslavia to Austria where they joined Subject. In view of Subject's anti-Communist and anti-Kadar statements, this rumor, if true, would place Subject in a very suspicious light.

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